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SECOND EXTENSION OF THE THIRD COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR
THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

Note by the Administrator

I. JUSTIFICATION

1. The third country programme for the Cayman Islands (1993-1996) was approved by the Governing Council at its special session in February 1993. An extension of the country programme was granted by the Administrator for the period 1 January to 31 December 1997, during which a draft country cooperation framework (CCF) was prepared.

2. The Government is currently undertaking a strategic planning exercise called the Vision 2008 Programme, in order to determine the country's development priorities. Accordingly, a second extension of the third country programme until 31 December 1998 is being sought to permit completion of the exercise, which will form the basis for the first CCF. Phase I of Vision 2008, which involved heightening public awareness of the exercise and public opinion polling on development issues affecting the island has ended. The remaining phases of the Programme will focus on the conduct of public discussions and determining the inputs of both the private and public sectors in the Programme. The nature and outcome of the Vision 2008 process will therefore affect the preparation of the first CCF, which the Government expects to present to the Executive Board at its first regular session 1999.



II. OBJECTIVES

3. The third country programme focused on promoting more active government involvement in national economic planning and management, in order to steer private sector-led development more effectively, thereby securing a sustained pattern of growth. Education and economic management, the reorganization of public services and effective implementation of sectoral plans were the thematic areas targeted under the programme. Through two projects, one on socio-economic and demographic data collection and one on multidisciplinary training, important baseline data was secured and the human resources development needs of the Cayman Islands were assessed.

III. PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

4. During the additional one-year period of the second extension, UNDP will provide assistance to the Government in developing national goals and priorities for the Cayman Islands for the next 10 years by supporting the remaining phases of the Vision 2008 process. The Government seeks to draw on the expertise available within the United Nations system for the formulation of policies and programmes in the areas of environmental management, information technology, youth development and education.

5. UNDP will also continue to support the Cayman Islands through two ongoing UNDP projects - a project on education planning and management and an umbrella technical assistance project. The education planning and management project has facilitated national curriculum development and strategic planning in the education sector. During the one-year period of the second extension, ongoing programme activities covered by the project will continue. In the area of curriculum development, the thrust is to involve local teachers, using short-term consultants for specific tasks. It is expected that when the curriculum development component is complete, a national assessment exercise will follow. The technical assistance project is the mechanism through which critical technical assistance has been provided in selected areas in three subsectors, agriculture, social services and museum development. The museum development component is yet to be completed.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

6. The Administrator recommends that the Executive Board approve the extension of the third country programme for the Cayman Islands for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1998.

Annex

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION TARGET TABLE FOR THE CAYMAN ISLANDS
(1997-1998)

(In thousands of United States dollars)

Source	Amount	Comments
UNDP CORE FUNDS		
Estimated carry-over	-	
TRAC 1.1.1	27	Assigned immediately to country.
TRAC 1.1.2	0 to 66.7 per cent of TRAC 1.1.1	This range of percentages is presented for initial planning purposes only. The actual assignment will depend on the availability of high-quality programmes. Any increase in the range of percentages would also be subject to availability of resources.
SPPD/STS	5	
Subtotal	32 <u>a/</u>	
NON-CORE FUNDS		
Government cost-sharing	639	
Sustainable development funds	-	
Third-party cost-sharing	-	
Funds, trust funds and other	-	
Subtotal	639	
GRAND TOTAL	671 <u>a/</u>	

a/ Not inclusive of TRAC 1.1.2, which is allocated regionally for subsequent country application.

Abbreviations: SPPD = support for policy and programme development;
STS = support for technical services; and TRAC = target for resource assignment from the core.
